



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Warm and Dry Harvest Conditions in Idaho

There were 6.8 days suitable last week for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were 9% very poor, 27% poor, 37% fair, and 27% good. A low temperature of 22 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the eastern region. A high temperature of 86 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the southwest region. The statewide temperature differential ranged from 6 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal. Winter wheat continued to be planted in northern Idaho. Pasture conditions rebounded. Edible bean fields were still too damp for some producers to harvest. Overall, conditions were warm and dry in Idaho. Conditions were good for harvest. Some producers needed extra irrigation in south-central Idaho to dig sugar beets. Winter wheat planting began in southern Idaho last week. Silage harvest was in full swing.

## Dry and More Seasonable Temperatures Reported in Oregon

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were 61% very poor, 21% poor, 15% fair, and 3% good. A low temperature was reported at 21 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region of Oregon, and a high temperature was reported at 87 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwest region. The statewide temperature differential ranged from 11 degrees below average to normal. Both the northern coastal and Willamette Valley regions received some minor precipitation. The rest of the state remained dry. The cooler autumn-like temperatures took some of the pressure off range conditions and moisture indications, however those same indications remained near crop-year 2018 lows. Crop year 2019 winter wheat planting kept pace with the 5-year average, despite the dry conditions. Supplemental feeding was reported state-wide for livestock. In northern Oregon, the hazelnut harvest continued with reports of better than average yields, but lower prices. Fall grass seed planting continued. Sweet corn harvest continued with reports of average yields. Several corn silage fields were also harvested. Fruits and vegetables were still in abundance at local stands. In north central Oregon, producers prepared to start seeding wheat. Many hoped for more moisture before they start planting. Pastures were dry and rangeland was poor for grazing livestock. In southwestern Oregon, cumulative precipitation levels remained well below the 5-year average. A few hay producers were not able to complete a third cutting of hay due to weather and smoke conditions. In some parts of southwestern Oregon, irrigation was shut off 3-4 weeks early. Several counties reported increased ELAP and LFP applications as a result of the lack of water and drought conditions. Both of these programs provided relief to livestock producers. Increased sheep and goat kill from predators were also reported. In south central and southeastern Oregon, potato harvest progress was reported less than normal. Potato producers were still concerned with hollow heart. Many areas in the Harney Basin experienced a killing frost early in the week. Temperatures and higher relative humidity allowed prescribed burning activities in the forested portions of northern Harney County and southern Grant County. Producers gathered cattle from forested and higher elevation rangeland pastures.

## **Washington Pastures Rebounded but Still Damaged Going into Autumn**

There were 6.7 days suitable for field work last week. Pasture and range conditions were reported at 23% very poor, 35% poor, 22% fair, 19% good, and 1% excellent. A low temperature of 27 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the northeast region, while a high temperature of 84 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the southeast region. Statewide temperature differentials ranged from 6 degrees below to 4 degrees above normal. Pastures were suffering in southwestern Washington. Only irrigated pastures or pastures near streams and wetlands were flourishing. Many small streams dried up. With recent rain, some pastures greened up, but they were in poor overall condition. Southern Thurston County was especially suffering; many dry hay producers only took one cutting. Haylage producers had two cuttings. Vegetable crops, unless they were irrigated, were in fair to poor condition. The recent rain and regular dew in Snohomish County promoted the grass coming back. However, the same rain and dew hampered corn harvest. Tomatoes showed some blight, however harvest was nearly over. Peppers were still being harvested. Jefferson County experienced their first freeze of the year on September 16. This freeze did not harm the potatoes, carrots, or beets. Corn harvest was ongoing in Whatcom County. Pastures began to regrow with cool season grasses and legumes in San Juan County. Livestock were on stockpiled feed on many operations. CSA farms continued to harvest fall vegetables along with beans and winter squash. Apples, pears, and other tree fruit were harvested in abundance for markets. Almost all grain harvest finished in Klickitat County and winter wheat planting started. Adams County had good fall weather conditions for harvest. Dry bean quality was very good. Overall soil moisture in Douglas County was good. Conditions were dry in the Palouse. Producers fertilized and seeded throughout Garfield and Asotin Counties. Some producers held off seeding until more moisture arrives.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/23/18

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	33	44	23	-
Oregon .....	54	35	11	-
Washington.....	27	39	34	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	30	40	30	-
Oregon .....	52	35	13	-
Washington.....	25	30	45	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho .....	-	1	16	52	31
Washington.....	1	3	26	68	2
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	-	9	70	21
Oregon .....	-	8	22	51	19
Washington.....	-	2	23	72	3
Onions					
Oregon .....	-	5	15	73	7
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	1	15	49	35
Oregon .....	-	8	16	76	-
Washington.....	-	-	17	50	33

- Represents zero.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 17 - September 23, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Bonniers Ferry .....	36	70	54	-2	26	-18	0.39	+0.15	3	0.77	-0.00	100	7
Coeur d' Alene .....	40	72	57	-2	46	-14	0.12	-0.15	2	0.35	-0.39	47	4
Fenn .....	38	77	58	+0	56	-2	0.00	-0.47	0	0.05	-1.35	4	1
Lewiston .....	43	80	60	-3	78	-13	0.00	-0.17	0	0.04	-0.47	8	1
Nezperce .....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.86	0	0
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	38	83	58	-6	62	-30	0.58	+0.43	4	1.48	+1.06	352	12
Emmett .....	38	79	59	-2	64	-16	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.37	0	0
Glenns Ferry .....	36	85	61	-1	74	-8	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.32	0	0
Grand View .....	32	86	59	-3	60	-20	0.00	-0.10	0	0.00	-0.30	0	0
Nampa .....	36	82	59	-2	72	-7	0.01	-0.12	1	0.03	-0.32	9	3
Parma .....	38	82	60	-1	74	-5	0.00	-0.14	0	0.02	-0.35	5	2
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield.....	24	80	53	-1	22	-16	0.00	-0.14	0	0.04	-0.40	9	1
Malta.....	27	85	57	-2	36	-25	0.01	-0.22	1	0.03	-0.75	4	3
Picabo.....	30	81	57	+2	46	+7	0.00	-0.13	0	0.00	-0.38	0	0
Rupert.....	33	83	56	-1	50	-4	0.05	-0.07	2	0.06	-0.25	19	3
Twin Falls .....	37	82	58	-2	60	-18	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.41	0	0
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	32	83	57	+2	50	+6	0.00	-0.18	0	0.00	-0.55	0	0
Ashton .....	29	78	54	+0	24	-12	0.01	-0.25	1	0.01	-0.72	1	1
Downey.....	26	85	57	+1	43	-6	0.01	-0.29	1	0.04	-0.96	4	2
Fort Hall .....	31	82	56	+0	45	+1	0.01	-0.19	1	0.03	-0.54	5	3
Idaho Falls .....	32	80	58	+3	56	+12	0.00	-0.20	0	0.00	-0.63	0	0
Lava Hot Springs .....	32	83	59	+2	52	+2	0.00	-0.30	0	0.00	-1.00	0	0
Montevue .....	27	80	53	-2	28	-20	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.44	0	0
Rexburg .....	22	82	53	+0	14	-22	0.01	-0.24	1	0.01	-0.70	1	1

## Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	40	24	36	34
Winter wheat emerged .....	5	-	2	5
Potatoes harvested .....	38	27	31	31
Sugarbeets harvested .....	23	15	28	17
Field corn dented .....	96	95	94	(NA)
Field corn mature .....	66	64	28	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	11	3	-	9
Field corn harvested for silage .....	58	40	42	41
Dry edible beans harvested .....	80	68	86	74
Onions harvested .....	54	50	34	62
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	91	89	94	91
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	61	46	49	43

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 17 - September 23, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	43	65	55	-1	45	+0	0.50	+0.09	5	1.71	+0.42	133	13	
Everett.....	42	70	57	-1	50	-8	0.98	+0.49	4	2.44	+1.06	177	12	
Hoquiam.....	41	67	54	-4	42	-16	0.22	-0.33	3	1.89	+0.28	117	11	
Kelso.....	42	70	56	-6	37	-41	0.00	-0.49	0	1.80	+0.32	122	9	
Olympia.....	36	71	53	-5	42	-12	0.15	-0.25	2	2.02	+0.81	167	11	
Sea-Tac.....	48	71	58	-2	69	-4	0.15	-0.21	4	1.02	-0.03	97	11	
Shelton.....	36	70	54	-4	45	-12	0.48	+0.10	2	2.63	+1.51	235	11	
Tacoma.....	45	69	56	-3	54	-12	0.03	-0.35	2	0.68	-0.50	58	11	
Vancouver.....	45	75	59	-3	64	-22	0.01	-0.44	1	1.20	+0.22	122	7	
CENTRAL														
Easton.....	36	66	50	-5	8	-32	0.24	-0.18	2	0.68	-0.61	53	8	
Ellensburg.....	37	76	57	-3	56	-18	0.00	-0.10	0	0.10	-0.19	34	1	
Omak.....	36	76	58	-3	58	-19	0.00	-0.14	0	0.07	-0.35	17	2	
Wenatchee.....	45	77	62	-2	81	-14	0.00	-0.08	0	0.00	-0.23	0	0	
Yakima AP.....	36	75	57	-2	48	-20	0.00	-0.09	0	0.01	-0.26	4	1	
NORTHEAST														
Chewelah.....	27	74	52	-3	20	-22	0.03	-0.17	1	0.22	-0.40	35	5	
Deer Park.....	28	72	53	-2	24	-16	0.00	-0.24	0	0.33	-0.41	45	7	
Kettle Falls.....	37	73	55	-4	42	-25	0.22	-0.03	3	0.51	-0.27	65	7	
Spokane.....	41	71	56	-2	50	-12	0.00	-0.17	0	0.02	-0.49	4	2	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	43	75	60	-2	75	-12	0.00	-0.09	0	0.00	-0.26	0	0	
George.....	31	77	56	-6	38	-44	0.00	-0.09	0	0.00	-0.27	0	0	
Lind.....	32	74	57	-3	48	-24	0.00	-0.10	0	0.00	-0.31	0	0	
Moses Lake.....	38	74	59	-1	60	-14	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.24	0	0	
Ritzville.....	35	74	54	-5	28	-40	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.35	0	0	
SOUTHEAST														
Lake Bryan Rice.....	41	82	61	+3	78	+18	0.00	-0.20	0	0.00	-0.59	0	0	
Pasco.....	38	81	60	-2	74	-10	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.27	0	0	
Pullman.....	30	73	55	-3	33	-24	0.00	-0.19	0	0.00	-0.57	0	0	
Richland.....	41	81	61	-1	87	+3	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.27	0	0	
Silcott Island.....	44	82	63	+4	92	+32	0.00	-0.20	0	0.00	-0.59	0	0	
Walla Walla.....	48	82	61	-3	89	-8	0.00	-0.19	0	0.00	-0.54	0	0	
Whitman Mission.....	35	84	57	-3	52	-18	0.00	-0.16	0	0.00	-0.46	0	0	

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	65	47	52	57
Winter wheat emerged.....	27	10	18	29
Barley harvested.....	98	94	99	100
Oats harvested.....	96	93	95	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	38	30	51	58
Sugarbeets harvested.....	35	25	-	(NA)
Field corn doughed.....	92	87	82	91
Field corn dented.....	84	72	57	67
Field corn mature.....	53	29	28	27
Field corn harvested for grain.....	13	2	6	7
Field corn harvested for silage.....	45	38	24	43
Dry edible beans harvested.....	83	78	82	87
Dry peas harvested.....	98	93	100	100
Onions harvested.....	65	62	69	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	96	94	99	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	57	52	69	58

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

# Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 17 - September 23, 2018

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria .....	41	65	55	-3	37	-18	0.34	-0.17	4	2.34	+0.85	157	12	
Bandon .....	43	67	57	-1	42	-12	0.11	-0.21	2	0.30	-0.55	35	7	
Florence .....	36	67	53	-3	22	-22	0.11	-0.50	2	0.46	-1.18	28	6	
North Bend.....	45	68	55	-2	46	-3	0.18	-0.22	2	0.55	-0.51	52	8	
Tillamook .....	33	69	53	-4	22	-30	0.05	-0.72	3	1.21	-0.85	59	9	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	42	74	59	-3	60	-26	0.03	-0.45	2	0.57	-0.57	50	8	
Corvallis .....	40	77	58	-3	52	-28	0.02	-0.30	1	1.02	+0.16	119	7	
Detroit Lake .....	43	82	56	-5	61	-17	0.15	-0.58	1	0.67	-1.26	35	5	
Eugene .....	37	76	56	-5	56	-22	0.01	-0.31	1	0.26	-0.65	29	4	
Hillsboro.....	39	74	56	-3	52	-14	0.02	-0.36	1	0.74	-0.15	83	7	
McMinnville.....	37	74	54	-7	46	-30	0.01	-0.34	1	1.31	+0.38	141	8	
Portland .....	46	74	59	-3	66	-23	0.16	-0.23	2	1.07	-0.01	99	7	
Salem .....	43	77	58	-3	67	-15	0.01	-0.32	1	0.33	-0.55	37	7	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass .....	43	87	61	-3	77	-18	0.00	-0.16	0	0.00	-0.44	0	0	
Medford .....	42	87	61	-5	90	-18	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.41	0	0	
Roseburg.....	39	86	59	-6	71	-31	0.01	-0.22	1	0.16	-0.46	26	4	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Arlington .....	45	78	62	-3	82	-18	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.32	0	0	
Echo .....	36	80	59	-2	64	-18	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.34	0	0	
Heppner.....	39	78	57	-3	50	-22	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.40	0	0	
Hermiston .....	39	80	60	-1	74	-6	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.34	0	0	
Madras.....	36	79	55	-3	32	-32	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.35	0	0	
Moro .....	34	78	56	-3	40	-28	0.00	-0.13	0	0.00	-0.36	0	0	
Parkdale .....	36	76	55	-3	32	-24	0.02	-0.23	1	0.21	-0.46	31	4	
Pendleton .....	37	79	59	-3	61	-22	0.00	-0.17	0	0.00	-0.49	0	0	
Prairie City .....	29	80	51	-7	18	-44	0.05	-0.11	2	0.08	-0.38	17	4	
The Dalles .....	44	80	62	-2	84	-12	0.00	-0.10	0	0.02	-0.30	6	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake .....	30	78	53	-2	28	-11	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.43	0	0	
Bend .....	34	81	53	-2	24	-22	0.00	-0.09	0	0.01	-0.31	3	1	
Burns .....	23	80	51	-4	10	-30	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.33	0	0	
Christmas Valley .....	21	83	49	-5	9	-30	0.00	-0.10	0	0.01	-0.38	3	1	
Klamath Falls .....	30	81	54	-8	23	-58	0.03	-0.09	2	0.13	-0.29	31	7	
Lakeview.....	26	80	53	-4	14	-44	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.48	0	0	
Lorella .....	24	83	52	-5	18	-42	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.42	0	0	
Redmond .....	28	84	54	-2	36	-10	0.00	-0.10	0	0.00	-0.31	0	0	
Worden .....	21	80	51	-11	8	-72	0.01	-0.11	1	0.04	-0.38	10	2	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City .....	27	81	52	-2	28	-8	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.44	0	0	
Imbler.....	32	81	54	-3	28	-22	0.08	-0.12	2	0.13	-0.48	21	4	
La Grande.....	39	79	58	+0	58	-4	0.04	-0.12	1	0.04	-0.46	8	1	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario .....	37	82	61	+0	87	+7	0.00	-0.11	0	0.02	-0.27	7	1	
Rome.....	29	86	58	-1	62	-1	0.00	-0.11	0	0.00	-0.27	0	0	

Summary based on NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) data.  
Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1.  
DFN = Departure from normal.  
NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.  
Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.  
Normals period 1981-2010 used in DFN calculations.

## Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/23/18

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	20	10	19	16
Winter wheat emerged.....	1	-	-	1
Barley harvested.....	96	93	99	100
Potatoes harvested.....	53	50	40	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	10	4	4	5
Field corn harvested for silage .....	44	24	34	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested .....	67	58	73	(NA)
Onions harvested .....	36	24	38	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	85	75	93	93

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

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